Account of the Exercise and Experiences of an Indian Man

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The following is an account of the journeys of the Reverend Thomas Jordan.

In the month of November, I set sail from the island of Bermuda, bound for India. The voyage was long and arduous, and I found it difficult to maintain my health.

On the 1st of January, we encountered a violent storm, which lasted for three days. Despite the rough seas, we managed to reach the coast of India safely.

At the port of Calcutta, I was greeted by a large crowd of people, who welcomed me with open arms. I was struck by the diversity of the city, which was a melting pot of cultures and religions.

I spent several months in Calcutta, learning about the local customs and traditions. I was fascinated by the spiritual practices of the people and the different faiths that coexisted in harmony.

One day, while walking through the city, I came across a small village on the outskirts of Calcutta. I was moved by the poverty and suffering I saw there. I decided to stay in the village for a while, and I began to help the local people.

I taught them about the Bible and shared the message of Christ with them. The villagers were eager to learn, and they welcomed me with open hearts.

I stayed in the village for a year, and during that time, I witnessed many miracles. I saw healings, conversions, and a general increase in faith and hope among the people.

I decided to return to Calcutta, where I continued my work among the people. I spent several more years in the city, and I left behind a legacy of love and hope that continues to this day.

I took leave of them, and went home. I write.
The Following is an account of the Exercise & Experience of an Indian ytf Man as Related by him self to a Number of Friends, says I Dont often open ytf my mind to any, but I now feel the way is open. and more than a freedom to ytf Do it some years Past it was laid upon me to Encourage others to Do well; Iytf thought I was a Poore ignorant Indian, I could not Encourage others to Do ytf well, so I shoved it away (Puting his hand out as tho he had Put it fromytf him, then fetching his hand back again & laying it on his breast, saysytf it was brought back again & laid upon me, I then shoved it away again,ytf & so he Did a number of times Implying the reasoning state of his Mindytf It was then opened to my view, that the truth was a Very precious thing,ytf very precious Indeed. Oh how Precious it Doth look to me. He can say it isytf innocent, we can say it is Innocent, thats all we can say. words cannot sayytf half. I then said with Peter Depart from me O Lord, I am a sinful man butytf it was brought back & laid upon me again some morning as I was going toytf a Prespeterian meeting I saw a flock of sheeypytf along before me Puting his hand to his Eyes, says I Did not see them withytf these Eyes. they appear to be traveling a long before me. the foremostytf ones was half grown large, & I heard them talking to one another.ytf Puting his hand to his Ears says but not with those Ears saying to oneytf another God speed help you on the way, the hindmost looked Poore, small,ytf their heads hund Down seemed almost ready to give out I wondered what itytf should mean Then something come & talked with me Puting his hand to hisytf Breast, says it talked to me here, and told me, these are my sheep &ytf this Day you shall see them lift up their heads in hope, & feed on theytf bread of Life Then it said to me, them that are before are the Priest &ytf Deacons, they are grown fat & full, they can Encourage one an othertf but they forget the Poore of the flock. I went on to the meeting, the ytf Priest Preached, Prayed, & sung & used the Very words, I heard the fatytf sheep use one to another. And after he had Done, I thought it my Duty toytf tell them what I see on the way; so I Did & thought I saw my Visionytf fulfilled, the Poore of the flock, lifted up their heads in hope & fedytf on the bread of Life, the Priest acknowledged in the Presence of theytf People, that what I said was True and that the Truth, had been Declaredytf among them by a Poore Ignorant an; Then I went home Veryytf comfortable, Oh, how comfortable I Did feel Then sometimes I feel my mindytf Drawn in to simpathy with some, I want to go & see them, I was ytf yet would think it othere to Do well, I Did not want folks to thinkytf so I feel such a simpathy for one poore family I want to go see them, at itytf did not no how to Do, so I thought I would take a grist on my back & goytf beyond where they Live, so I Did, & when I come back I stop in,ytf It was just night, there was a rich man lived on the other side of theytf road, I suppose I would let me have bed to sleep in, but I thought I hadytf rather lay by the mans fire, I felt their worth, I wanted to be withytf them, In the morning when I going away I asked the women to hand meytf a bowle she was unarilling I the most, she gotytf one for I took out Part of my meal & left it with her, felt theytf wants of the Poore Children, so that are not carry all my meal awayytf then I took leave of them & went home Quietly.ytf
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And so kept along when I feel my mind in sympathy with any, iyf try some
way to go & see them, began to think I was getting along if prevy well, soone Day I was
thinking I should go to meeting 3 or 4 Days yf hence, I began to think what I should say
when I should come there, so iyf thought it over, I got something fixed in my mind, I
thought it would do prevy well, I hung it up, & by & by I took it looked at it again
iyf thought it would do very well, I hung it up so I did good many times yf before meeting Day come
I went to meeting & after the Priest got yf through, I stood up & said it off as well as I could
and I thought iyf said it off prevy well, but oh how I was distress & so I passed along ayf long
time, did not know what the matter was Then something come & iyf talked to me & says, Did
you ever know a great man if he want greatiyf business done away to congress, or to
yf Philadelphia to send a poore ignorant unlearned man to doyf it no I say I did not,
no more wont great spirit take you well I thought iyf sure enough I have been mistaken
I never have known what good is, and oh iyf how I was distress, but did not
know where to find good (This he supposed yf to be the bad spirit coming at a time
when he had mised it at theyf endeavouuring to persuade him, that he never had known
what good was, Then yf says somthing & he come & talked me, which heyf supposed
was the good spirit, and says great one knows all things, he can yf do all
things, he knows what is best, and if a king want great business yf done, & he has
servents under him, if he wants to send one to doyf business for him, if he is a wise
learned man, he ought to say what theyf king tell him to say, if he is an ignorant
unlearned man, if he can talk, heyf can say over after the king, just what the
king tell him to say, if it 2, 3yf or 4 words more or less just as the king says
just so he ought to say then yf it says to one suppose one of your neighbour
have a piece of to him iyf a very got when it was give
to him, he takes it, feels iyf of it, looks at it; handles it; hangs it up, then by & by
he takes it yf down, he feels of it, handles it, looks at it; hangs it up, so he do a
yf great time, & keep it 3 or 4 Days, til it begins to stink, then heyf take
it, cook it & set before you, to eat, would you eat it no I say iyf would not
eat it well it says just so your preaching was the other day theyf great
spirit wont have it folk wont have it then it came yf in to my
mind the passage when there was a piece of money brought to our yf savious
I don't remember he asked them whose image yf & inscription was on it
they told him well he told them toyf render to cesars the things that
are cesars, & to god things that are yf god I see my parking had
cesar inscription on iyf because it was something of any own preparing
it did not come from theyf great spirit, therefore it had not his superscription
on on it, & he would yf not have it, & that was the reason I was so troubled; I see
that every yf thing of mans contrivance had cesar superscription on it
and only that iyf that comes immediately from the great spirit, that would return
to him, or yf that would be food for his true sheep, my says christ know any
yf & they follow but the voice of a stranger they will not follow
iyf thought some time heard a strange voice, putting his hand to his breast
says yf did not feel I love to feel it here then
The story begins with the account of an ancient king who was troubled by strange dreams. He could not understand their meaning and feared what they portended. He sought the advice of his wise men, but none could interpret the symbols he dreamed of. In desperation, he turned to the Shepherd, seeking itinerant wise men, for he heard they had knowledge of dreams and could tell the future.

The Shepherd, understanding the king's need, agreed to seek out the wise men of the land. He journeyed far and wide, finally reaching the home of a humble man who had the gift of interpretation. The Shepherd told the man of the king's plight and asked for his help.

The shepherd brought the dreams to the wise man, who, with the aid of the spirit of the Lord, deciphered the messages from the divine. He explained that the dreams were a foretelling of future events, and the king must heed their warning. In one dream, the kingdom was threatened by a great famine, and in another, the king was told he would rule over all the land.

The wise man instructed the shepherd to return to the king and deliver the interpretation. He advised the king to prepare for the famine by storing grain in his silos, and to act wisely, for the future depended on his actions now.

The shepherd shared these words with the king, who was both astonished and grateful. He followed the wise man's advice, and when the famine came, the kingdom was unharmed. Thus, the king learned that dreams, when interpreted by a wise and humble man, can offer guidance in the ways of the Lord.
Then it opened in my mind the Passage where the multitude followed our savior in to the, the disciples seemed willing to send them away & give them no thing; but he knew their wants, he Did not want them to by the way he caled on the Disciples, & asked them if they had any thing for them, they say we have a few loves & a few fishes, but what are they among so many, but he knew what hey was going to Do, he Directed that the multitude should all sit down in the grass; then he caled on the Disciples & they give all up to him that they had, then he took & broke it, & Blessed it; then gave it to the Disciples, after all this was Done, then he Commanded them to hand it to the Multitude, then it was food for them, they had Enough to spare Just so I see it is now, when the Great spirit is Pleased to brake the bread of life, hand it to his Disciples, & Command them to hand it to the People, then it is food for them Now after this it was Laid upon me again to Encourage othersto Do well, but the work looked to be so great, & I felt like such a Poore Ignorant Indian, that I thought I could not give up to it And said to that that talked with one there is a great many that can do better than I can, take some this one & Excuse one, It asked me who; I said such a one, it told one to fetch him up, I Did in any mind Putting his hand to his breast as he brought it to the witness in his self, but he would not have him, but shoved him away & so in this way he said he brought up a number, but he would not have them, & told me I must give up Now I found the Great Spirit condescended to weake state & opened things to my understanding in a way to meet my capacity so I found it was necessary to wait upon him to be instructed, what to say, how to say, & when and when I could say the servants that was sent out to Invite in to the feast, It is Done Lord as those commanded & yet there is room, then I find there is yet room for more Exercise more labour, more Invitation, the way is not shut up in any Heart Then it opened in my mind the circumstance of Joseph, how he was sold by his brethren, & the reason why they sold him, he was Designd by the great spirit to be greater then his brethren, he had some Dreams that seemed to lead them to think so, some of them had a mind to kill him, others thought best to sell him, & see what would become of his Dreams, so they sold him, he was carried Down of to Egypt, & Put into Prison, wrongfully, but the Great spirit was with him there & knew what he was going to bring about body in Prison with Joseph, and he was released, & Joseph told him when he come in the presence of the King to remember him, but he forgot Joseph till he was brought into a strait, the King had some Dreams I cannot read much, I cannot tell just how it was, but I remember he Dreamed something about some Ears of corn, Eating up some Ears of corn, & there nobody could Interpret his Dreams, then this man remembered Joseph, he was sent for, they Great Spirit was with him & knowed all things, so he could tell they King the interpretation of his Dreams
So when he told him what was going to the King believed it and thought it best to Prepare against the time of Famine, that Joseph said was coming, & he thought there was no one so suitable as Joseph because the Great Spirit was with him, so he put all Power in to his hand only the King was greater, so Joseph ordered store houses to be built & laid up Corn for the time of famine that was coming & he had the Keys of the stores, now the famine come, his brethren come to want, they had sold Joseph, & Did not intend to bow to him, but they heard there was corn in Egypt, their father sent some of them Down to buy some, they applied to Joseph he knew them, they Did not know him, he asked if they had any brethren & whether they had a Father living, they told him about them, so after a while while Joseph sent for them, they all went Down & bowed to Joseph, there was no other way for them to kept alive Now it looked Plain to me, that we have a measure of the good spirit afforded to lead us to Instruct us & it is greater then we are & designed to Rule over us, or we may mind the bad spirit But if we Do, it will not yeald the Peaceable fruits of righteousness, & we may say the good spirit, we will not have this man to rule over us, we may Put away and sell it, & it may be Put into Prison, yet a famine will overtake there, & though they may go into a far Country, far away from that, that is Right, & and not Even know Joseph or this good spirit, yet that will know them, & it will there rise up & Plead with them, now there is no other way, but to go back again to that; that is right, & acknowledge Joseph to be greatest he has all Power Committed to him he has the Keys of, & they that will not him, must Die. The same Disposition, that was in Josephs Brethren, yf Days of the Apostles, is now in People, I have seen some folks, so simple, that they got mad with a gun & Broke it all to Pieces, because it had some Mischief, as tho the Gun was to blame, if it had not been Charged, & then fire Put to it, it would not; Done any harm, so when the apostles were Charged with some thing & the Fire of Divine love operated on them, her they could Do Execution but after it had Passed through them, they were like the Empty Gun, it was not they that Did it; it was that flame of Divine love & here the People took the apostles, & Put them to Death, as tho they Done it, & thought to stop it from spreading, but they could not, for it operated through other And it operates the purpose PL